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Examples of Intelligence obtained through the FBIB.

25X1 In accordance with your request the 6 examples of intelligence gained through FBIB facilities are listed below:

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2. In October of 1947, TASS, the Soviet news agency, broadcast a communique which reported the formation of the Cominform. The FBIB, having monitored the TASS communique, immediately set to work to determine the reaction of radios throughout the world. On the following day the FBIB was able to present a cross section of world reaction and within the next two days the Soviet reaction was broadcast as an excerpt from KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA. CIA had the information 2 or 3 days earlier than would have been the case without FBIB monitoring.

3. At about the same time that the Cominform was front-page news with Commercial press services the FBIB picked up the first notice of the Communist world-wide attack on Socialists when it heard Radio Bratislava announce the arrest of Czechoslovakian right-wing democrats.

4. For the Moscow and London meetings of the Council of Foreign Ministers the FBIB made analytic surveys of Soviet, Soviet controlled, and other radios to determine reactions to the meetings and to the issues to be considered. These surveys were made for and given to the Secretary of State. During the course of the meetings our Secretary was given a daily analysis of foreign radio broadcasts relating to the Council sessions.

5. Two examples of specific intelligence gleaned from broadcasts over a long period are the reports on the "Soviet Transportation System" and the "Status of Soviet Agriculture", in which all of the data on one subject from one source were presented in brief form for use by research analysts making studies based on all sources.

6. Surveys have been made to provide our intelligence agencies with an almost immediate appraisal of world radio opinion on such subjects as:

The Truman Doctrine
The Marshall Plan
The Paris Conference

General Assembly Meetings
The Adjournment of the London Meetings
of the Council of Foreign Ministers

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